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Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A tape roll for a lint removal roller assembly comprising:
a tape formed of a substrate having opposed side edges and first and second major opposed surfaces of the tape;
an adhesive layer carried on one major surface;
the tape wound into a tape roll with the adhesive layer facing outwardly from the roll;
a separable edge extending at least partially through the roll dividing the roll into a plurality of individually separable sheets; and
a plurality of pull tabs formed by a plurality of spaced, substantially, non-adhesive portions carried between the side edges of the substrate, each non-adhesive portion disposed as a layer on one of the first and second surface of the substrate the adhesive layer and defining in combination with a portion of the separable edge in combination with a portion of one pull tab on each sheet on the roll to facilitate removal of an outermost sheet from the roll.
2. (Original) The tape roll of claim 1 wherein the non-adhesive portion comprises:
a substantially non-adhesive coating formed in a plurality of longitudinal spaced locations on one of the first and second major surfaces of the tape.
3. (Original) The tape roll of claim 1 wherein the non-adhesive portion comprises:
a thin sheet having a substantially non-adhesive surface.
4. (Original) The tape roll of claim 3 wherein:
the thin sheet is adhesively fixed to the adhesive layer on the tape.

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5. (Original) The tape roll of claim 1 wherein:
the non-adhesive portion has a polygonal shape.
6. (Withdrawn) The tape roll of claim 1 wherein:
the non-adhesive portion has a circular shape.
7. (Original) The tape roll of claim 1 wherein:
the separable edge is in the form of a slit extending at least partially
through the tape roll.
8. (Original) The tape roll of claim 1 wherein:
the separable edge is a planar slit extending at least partially through the
tape roll.
9. (Withdrawn) The tape roll of claim 1 wherein:
the separable edge is a perforated slit extending at least partially through
the tape roll.
10. (Original) The tape roll of claim 1 wherein:
the separable edge is a discontinuous slit extending at least partially
through the tape roll.
11. (Original) The tape roll of claim 1 wherein:
the separable edge includes planar and non-planar portions.
12. (Original) The tape roll of claim 1 wherein:
the pull tab extends longitudinally from the separable edge in the tape.

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13. (Original) The tape roll of claim 1 wherein the non-adhesive portion comprises:
a non-adhesive material coating disposed on the tape.
14. (Original) The tape roll of claim 1 wherein the non-adhesive portion comprises:
a material layer fixed on the tape and having a non-adhesive surface facing outward from the adhesive coated layer on the tape.
15. (Original) The tape roll of claim 1 wherein:
the separable edge is co-extensive with an edge of non-adhesive portion of the pull tab.
16. (Original) The tape roll of claim 1 wherein:
the non-adhesive portions have at least a partial, non-adhesive surface.
17. (Previously Presented) A method of producing a lint removal assembly comprising the steps of:
providing an elongate flexible substrate with first and second opposed surfaces and first and second side edges;
affixing an adhesive layer on one of the first and second surfaces of the substrate;
providing a plurality of longitudinally spaced, non-adhesive portions as a layer on the adhesive layer on the tape;
winding the tape into a roll with the adhesive layer facing outwardly of the roll;
forming a separable edge at least partially through the roll dividing the roll into individually separable sheets; and

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disposing the separable edge adjacent to the non-adhesive portions on
each sheet to form a pull tab.